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SUBJECT:NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION DENIES NRDC PETITION
RELATED TO PHYSICAL SECURITY

REFERENCES: A-219 1976; STATE 263642 1976

1. SUMMARY: THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF AN NRC PRESS
RELEASE DATED JANUARY 21, 1977. PLEASE PASS ON A PROMPT
BASIS TO THE TECHNICAL NOTIFICATION ADDRESSES LISTED IN
A-219 AND IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF STATE 263642. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 21, 1977, THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION DENIED A PETITION FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES
DEFENSE COUNCIL CALLING EITHER FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES TO
PROTECT STRATEGIC QUANTITIES OF PLUTONIUM AND HIGH ENRICHED
URANIUM AGAINST GROUPS OF UP TO 15 ARMED ASSAILANTS OR
REVOCATION OF LICENSES. THE COMMISSION SAID THAT A
SYSTEMATIC INCREASE IN PROTECTION OF SUCH MATERIALS HAS
BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR NEARLY A YEAR AT THE 13 FUEL CYCLE
FACILITIES SUBJECT TO NRC PHYSICAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS
AND MAJOR ADDITIONAL ACTIONS WILL BE PROPOSED SHORTLY.
MOST OF THESE MATERIALS ARE FABRICATED INTO FUEL FOR THE
NUCLEAR NAVY. SINCE THE FILING OF THE PETITION, THE TRANS-
PORT OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PORTION OF THIS NUCLEAR
MATERIAL -- MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL -- HAS BEEN
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TAKEN OVER BY THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMIN-
ISTRATION (ERDA) WHICH SHIPS IT IN SPECIALLY DESIGNED
SECURE VANS CONVOYED BY ARMED GUARDS. OVER THE PAST YEAR,
IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AT ALL FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES
TO ASSURE PROTECTION AGAINST HYPOTHETICAL THREATS BY AT
LEAST THREE WELL-ARMED, HIGHLY MOTIVATED, WELLTRAINED
ATTACKERS ACTIVELY AIDED BY A FACILITY EMPLOYEE IN ANY
POSITION, INCLUDING THAT OF GUARD. SIMILAR UPGRADING OF
TRANSPORTATION SAFEGUARDS ALSO HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THE
COMMISSION HAS ALSO DECIDED TO CONDUCT A RULEMAKING TO
ESTABLISH UPGRADED INTERIM SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENTS AND
PROPOSED LONGER TERM UPGRADING ACTIONS TO COUNTER THE
HYPOTHETICAL THREATS OF INTERNAL CONSPIRACIES AMONG
LICENSEE EMPLOYEES AND DETERMINED VIOLENT ASSAULTS WHICH
WOULD BE MORE SEVERE THAN THOSE POSTULATED IN EVALUATING
THE ADEQUACY OF CURRENT SAFEGUARDS.

3. COPIES OF THE COMPLETE TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE NO.77-8,
"NRC DENIES PETITION FOR EMERGENCY SAFEGUARDS; UPGRADING

UNDERWAY; FURTHER MEASURES PLANNED" WILL BE POUCHED FOR
DISTRIBUTION TO TECHNICAL NOTIFICATION ADDRESSEES REFTEL
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